

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
FORMAL HEARING  
JANUARY 20, 2011  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
HENRICO, VIRGINIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum of the Board of Optometry was called to order at 10:12 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Board Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Gregory P. Jellenek, O.D.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** W. Ernest Schlabach, O.D.  
M. E. Jackson, O.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Gregory, Assistant Attorney General  
Leslie Knachel, Executive Director  
James Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General  
Peter Oppen, Senior Adjudication Analyst  
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager  
Asia Williams, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lynn Taylor, Court Reporter, Farnsworth & Taylor

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Candice B. Strickland, O.D.**  
**License Number 0618001799**  
**Case Number(s) 128129 & 129899**  
Dr. Strickland was not present and was not represented by counsel. The Board proceeded in Dr. Strickland's absence as the Notice of Formal Hearing and Statement of Particulars dated November 18, 2010, was mailed to Dr. Strickland's legal address of record, both regular mail and United Parcel Services Ground package delivery. James Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Commonwealth. Eric Gregory was legal counsel for the Board.

The Board received evidence and J.W. Turner, Senior Investigator and Beth Holcomb, R.N., Complainant, were present as witnesses and sworn for testimony.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Schlabach, and duly seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Strickland. Additionally, Dr. Schlabach moved that Eric Gregory

and Leslie Knachel attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Schlabach and duly seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Board voted unanimously to accept Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as read by Mr. Gregory, and INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED Dr. Strickland's license to practice Optometry. Further, Dr. Strickland was issued an Order imposing a monetary penalty of \$500 and other certain terms and conditions upon applying for reinstatement of her license.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The formal hearing adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Gregory P. Jellenek, O.D.  
Chair

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Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.  
Executive Director